TOWN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES 10-3-06

Attendance: David Hackett, Bernice Kenney, John Loyd, Lee Overall, Melinda Richter, Jane Smith, Bob Waddle; Selectmen Amy Haible and Katherine Chatterjee

Old Business

- The <u>Committee Report</u> will be presented to the Selectmen on Oct 26, 2006 and John has consented to be the spokesperson.
- The report will consist of accomplishments, to date, and goals for the next 5 mos.
- The <u>Committee Mission Statement</u> was discussed as that needs to be presented to the Selectmen. Lee had a copy which she passed around.

Recommendations for Selectmen:

- <u>Merritt House Road Landing</u> we recommend that the name be changed to <u>Steamboat</u> Hill Rd.
- <u>Steamboat Road</u> we recommend the name be changed to <u>Yorks' Landing</u>.
- <u>Indian Rest Property</u> we recommend that it be put up for sale.

Discussion

- <u>Mackerel Cove</u> What has the policy been to address the boats and gear, etc. that are left there over the summer? What measures does the Town have to control abandoned private property left on Town property? What can the Town do to enforce it? It was suggested that we contact Bill Wells with those policy questions.
- Lookout Point there is a need to address a similar problem plus parking at this location; to provide for gear to be hauled out on north side of Lookout Point Rd. It was agreed that the dates of June 1 through Oct 15 would be used as seasonal deadlines for storage of boats, gear, etc in both situations. Permitted parking was discussed; John will research the date when DEP required island property owners to have access points from land or when the Town enacted that requirement to determine how permits would be issued and to whom.

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A motion was made and seconded, and favored unanimously: that the Selectmen administratively enact or bring the following before the inhabitant in a form materially the same as follows to address the removal of boats, floats, gear and other illegally placed property on town landings. Suggested wording might be...

"The enactment of an ordinance, municipal policy or regulation, as appropriate that no boats, floats, gear or other personal property may be stored or allowed to remain on any town landing, except that boats and fishing gear may be stored on the Town's Mackerel Cove lot and on the Lookout Point Town Landing parcel, north of the road leading from Lookout Point Road to the private residence at the end of the road between October 15th

and May 30th of the following year. Any boats, floats, gear or other personal property found on either of these Town lands between June 1st and October 14th, inclusive, will be removed by the Town at the owner's expense and taken to the Recycling Center for disposal.

That the Town post and maintain signage at the Lookout Point Landing and Mackerel Cove lot to require removal of such property between June 1st and October 15th and warning of the consequences to property that is found on the Town land between those dates."

- <u>Giant's Stairs</u> The Murphys have been notified of the Oct 26 meeting. Marking and identifying the path was again discussed: maybe a small sign reminding the public of the private properties abutting the Giant's Stairs, and maybe a laminated map at a small kiosk showing the paths as well as "blaze signs" as a walking guide.
- "2007 Right-of-Way Discovery Grant" was mentioned. The Town has an opportunity to apply for a grant and some of the info needed for the application was discussed; John will work with Kristi on the Grant application. Some of the properties that are eligible to satisfy the application requirements are The Giant's Stairs and Tide Mill Cove Landing. There may be others discovered that can qualify as well.

(John will compose a letter of recommendation from the Committee to accompany the application.)

• <u>Giant's Stairs</u> and <u>Tide Mill Cove landing</u> – the <u>Giant's Stairs'</u> "needs" were discussed as well as Tide Mill's "mowing activities" by the abutter.

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• The Committee recommends that a letter be sent from Town Attorney, Wm. Dale to the northwesterly abutter of the <u>Tide Mill Landing</u> to clarify the boundaries and mowing responsibility and address encroachments.

(Jane did some research on the next two properties and talked with Debbie Turner in the Assessing Office)

- Two Bush Island Debbie Turner will check its status (Town-owned or not?)
- <u>Stover Point Landing</u> it is in an obscure place and perhaps has been overlooked; Debbie Turner will research it as well.
- Wood Point leased directions are not to be added for this property.
- <u>Pott's Point</u> the Town float and ramp are slowly being destroyed by the action of the tide because the float is not properly secured by moorings.**
- **Notify Selectmen and add this concern to the report.
- <u>TV Production</u> John requested that someone take over the preparation of the photos for the slide show; someone at the TV studio can help with putting them on CDs for the power point presentation. (Melinda and Jane consented to do it)
- <u>Mowing</u> Kenney Landscaping mows several Town properties: Old Town Meeting House and cemetery, Grave Yard Point, Mackerel Cove, and the front of Mitchell Field.

New Business

There was a recent article in the Times Record, recognizing a group of 17 students, along with teachers and staff, from the Functional Life Skills program of Mt. Ararat Middle and Mt. Ararat High schools who collected trash at <u>Mackerel Cove</u>. Previously the classes have gone to <u>Stover Point</u> and conducted a cleanup.

The Committee recommends that the Selectmen write a resolution of appreciation and that they provide the teachers of these classes with certificates of appreciation for distribution to these helpful students. who participated in the September cleanup. (Melinda called and because of confidentiality laws, the teachers could not divulge a list of names).

- <u>Signage</u> suggestions:
 - 1. Kiosk explaining path; a laminated map and "blaze signs" (Giant Stairs)
 - 2. Map of the Town trails

It was suggested that we request the assistance of the Recreation Dept. to aide with signs and maps and maybe a little of the trail work.

Add this to the report. Melinda and Jane will approach the Rec Dept. about this.

• Kristi will work on list of Town Landing signage needing completion.

Question: Why can't Harpswell property transfers be published in Times Record? (Jane) Minutes of 9-5-06 – were accepted as written.

<u>Report for Selectmen:</u> the Committee will meet on Thurs, Oct 19 at 6:30 pm to prepare the Report. There is no Selectmen's meeting that night so the rooms will be free to use. At this time we'll determine the date of our Nov meeting** since the first Tues of Nov is Election Day.

Reminder: that Report will be presented to the Selectmen on Thurs., Oct 26.

** There will be no November meeting. Our next meeting will be Tues., Dec 5 @ 7 PM. A notice will be sent to all Committee members and an e-mail reminder as well.

Respectfully submitted, Bernice Kenney